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TOPIC Quartering Area of the 10th Gds Tank Div

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REMARKS

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Information

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1. On 27 August 1954, the Kriegsschule (2288) in Potsdam was occupied by approximately 1,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Between 15 and 21 August, 2 x 76.2-mm field guns were observed for the first time in the barracks area. Between 22 and 27 August, 6 gun barrels were seen in a wooden shed. Twenty-five to 30 tank trucks and 30 to 40 other trucks were parked in the installation as previously. Approximately 30 soldiers received instruction on 2 mortars, presumably of 160 mm caliber, and another 60 soldiers received training in firing.

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2. On 24 August, about 60 to 70 percent of the windows of the Kriegsschule in Potsdam were lit at dusk. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Two T-34 tanks and 15 tank trucks were seen in the barracks area. Approximately 30 trucks with canvas-covered guns were seen after 22 June. The trucks with mortars were still stored in the new shed.

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3. On 27 August, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne (2287) in Potsdam was occupied by 600 to 800 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia. Twenty-five to 30 trucks were parked in the yard. Eight to 10 trucks engaged in driving school practices. Little training in firing and drill was observed in the barracks yard and at Bornstedter Feld.

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4. On 24 August, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne in Potsdam was about 80 percent lighted at night. On 24 July, 20 soldiers with 2 x 76.2-mm field guns entered the installation. On 25 August, about 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia received instruction on a T-34 tank. Two T-34 tanks left the installation toward Bornstedter Feld. On 27 August, 15 trucks were seen on Pappel Allee in front of the barracks. The trucks were used for driving instruction.

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5. On 31 August, the Kavallerie Schule (2161) in Krampnitz near Potsdam was occupied by approximately 5,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. The 16 tents which had been pitched on 23 August were still seen at the Bullenwinkel area. Twelve officers and 4 field kitchens were seen nearby and 300 soldiers practiced on the terrain. On 24 August, truck [redacted] which came from the direction of Krampnitz was seen en route to the tents. Between early August and 31 August, 10 T-34/85 tanks frequently engaged in driving practices in the training area north of the installation. Approximately 120 soldiers received theoretical instruction and about 10 soldiers practiced at the engineer training pond. [redacted]

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6. On 4 September, the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz was occupied. A few buildings in the northeast section of the installation were not lighted after nightfall. Small details repeatedly left the installation for short-term exercises after early August. Also beginning in early August, approximately 200 soldiers were repeatedly seen at infantry field [redacted]

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in Fahrland. Supply vehicles seen en route between the Satzkorn railroad station and the barracks installation [redacted]

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7. On 17 August, the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz was occupied by approximately 3,000 to 4,000 soldiers. On 11 August, a total of 24 SU-122 guns [redacted] at least 20 to 22 JS-1 and JS-2 tanks and at least 20 to 25 JS-3 tanks were seen in the barracks area. Combat training, training in firing and maintenance work on tanks and motor vehicles was frequently observed. The crews of the 6 AA guns in the AAA emplacement were quartered in 10 nearby tents.

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Comment. The units of the 10th Gds Tank Div were distributed in the military installations of the Potsdam post as previously. Training at the post training area and, presumably, in the south section of the Doeberitz training grounds continued. The short-term absence of troops mentioned in paragraph 6 is believed to have been connected with exercises of elements of the division in the Rathenow area. The unloading of these elements at the Satzkorn railroad station was observed prior to 26 August. [redacted]

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